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Mr. Paul Rothermel
The Hunt Oil Co.
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Dear Paul,

The people in the office are certain Jim will want to talk to you - as soon as he is out of the hospital! He tried to fight the Hong-kong flu, put off too long consulting his doctor, and got a real case of it. Exhausted as he was, it may take him a little time to get back on his feet.

The movie "Farewell America" was shown to an invited audience last week, in Los Angeles. I understand from Jim Lawrence, news director of KHJ, who was there, that it is very bad. If you have any interest in knowing what if anything it says that might interest you, call him, tell him I suggested it, and I'm certain he'll tell you. He is a fine guy and a No. 1 newsman. His phone is 213/462-2133.

The lavish expenditure on a book that cannot be sold and a movie where there is no intention of seeking mass audiences - they plan only the colleges - and the possibilityof the most enormous lawsuits, including for the theft of the Zapruder film (not an easy thing to accomplish), just does not make sense except as an intelligence operation, and I cannot believe it is French. It is designed for the maximum embarrassment of a number of Americans, perhaps for Garrison's ruin - and with him, that of others of us.

Enclosed is one of the series of pictures that interest me and prompted my call last month. The first civilian from the right does bear a remarkable resemblance to Gene Bradley. I am now anxious to learn the identification of the policemen, on the chance they kept notes on who they picked up. Can you help?

I am still hopeful of getting for you the evidence I said I'd seek.

Hope your child is making a speedy recovery, in time for you all to have a good holiday season.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg